

reports of the missionaries and rectors of parishes. Some of these are very interesting and all show that a vast amount of good and faithful work is being done in the diocese in a quiet way for God and His Church. Besides the Bishop the names are given of sixty clergymen, five of whom are on the *retired* list, and six are engaged in Educational work, leaving forty-nine actual workers in the parochial field. Two new missions were opened last year in the Eastern Townships and the money is ready for the opening of a third as soon as a suitable man can be found. Four of the old parishes and missions are now vacant for lack of men. The growth of Church work in the diocese is admirably set forth in the report of the Diocesan Board. This Board has been in existence twenty-five years, and the present position of the Church is contrasted with what it then was. From this statement we note the following:—In 1862 there were 34 missions; 2 self-supporting parishes outside Quebec city; amount raised for clergyman's salaries, \$3,000; and in 1887, 43 missions; 14 self-supporting; stipends \$17,500.

Fifteen parishes and missions in the district of St. Francis gave over three thousand dollars for work outside their own borders.

Besides the six churches in Quebec city the diocese is divided into the three Rural Deaneries of Quebec, St. Francis, and Gaspé. The amount of money raised for all Church purposes during the year is given as follows:—

Quebec city, six churches.	\$24,977.45
Rural Deanery of Quebec contains 17 missions and parishes (only 15 reporting).	7,389.26
R. D. of St. Francis containing 24 missions and parishes (only 20 reporting).	26,265.35
R. D. of Gaspé 8 missions (6 reporting).	3,490.57

Making a total of..... \$62,122.57 raised by the whole Diocese in one year.

From the report we also gather that there were last year baptized 621; confirmed 883; married 224; buried 306.

Thirty-one parishes and missions have started endowment funds to assist in paying the clergyman's stipend. The reserve of these funds is not used as a rule till it exceeds \$200 per year, but the interest is added to the principal. The whole amount thus invested amounted last December to \$90,447 10.

The Widows' and Orphans' fund is also in a flourishing condition and over two-fifths of the revenue was added to the principal.

The Pension fund for Aged and Infirm clergymen amounts to over \$34,000, and was increased by nearly three thousand dollars last year.

The various funds managed by this Society amount to about four hundred and seventy thousand dollars. The only charges in the way of salaries to those who do this work are grants to a secretary and treasurer of \$300 and \$400 respectively.

We understand that so faithfully and well have the funds been managed in the past that not a single dollar has been lost. The diocese of Quebec certainly deserves to be congratulated upon this good showing. If a few years more of the same wise and prudent management prevails the diocese, though one of the poorest in the Ecclesiastical province, will be able to do without outside aid. If this progress in material things is any index of spiritual growth, and we know no reason why it should not be, the clergy have reason to be grateful that their work though in many places difficult, is by no means fruitless.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—The Anniversary service of this Society was held in the Cathedral on Monday evening the 23rd inst. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Norman, and the following clergy took part

in the service, viz: Revs. M. M. Fothergill, L. W. Williams, H. J. Petry, and Thos. Richardson.

NEW CARLISLE.—Easter services were held in this parish as follows:—in St. Andrew's Church, New Carlisle, at eleven o'clock a.m., with Holy Communion, and St. Peter's, Paspébiac, early Communion at half past eight, also service in the evening. The congregations in both Churches were very large and the collections taken up for the rector considered good, amounting to about \$30. On Easter Monday the annual vestry meeting was held in the afternoon at Paspébiac, when I understand the Rev. S. Blaylock resigned this parish, and owing to the good management of the Churchwardens, Messrs. Daniel and William Bisson, \$50 was voted to him from the funds of the Church. The same Wardens were again re-elected for the ensuing year. The pews belonging to those who had left this Church were sold this last week. On Monday, the 8th, the annual vestry meeting was held in Newcastle but adjourned until the 16th, when Messrs. Oswald Day and John Smith, jun., were elected Wardens for the present year. The roads are breaking up very fast and it will be some time before they will be passable again as there is a great deal of snow, and sleighing yet. The bay is full of floating ice brought in by the strong eastern winds which have been so prevalent lately.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. John the Evangelist.*—On the 26th instant an event of much importance took place in connection with St. John's school in this parish. The first sod of the new building was turned by the head master, the Rev. Arthur French, B.A., Keble College, Oxford. The school has been in existence for some twenty-seven years, having been originally founded by the Rev. Edmund Wood, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and held first in a small house on Aylmer street, afterwards in the Synod hall, and since 1867 in the well known buildings on St. Urbain street. There have passed through it during these years many who now hold positions of responsibility and influence throughout the Dominion. It will be a matter of interest for them to know that the old school is about to enter upon a new and probably even more prosperous era of its existence. Formerly the school was entirely a day school, but since 1879, under the direction of the present head master, it has extended its advantages to boarders. During the last few years the application for admission have exceeded the accommodation, the addition of an extra house in the terrace soon becoming insufficient. It has become imperatively necessary in the interests of the school that better accommodation should be provided. A short time ago a kind friend gave to the Rev. Mr. French a sum of \$10,000 towards this object, and other assistance having been given the matter was brought before the vestry, and it was decided that the work, a great one indeed, should be at once commenced. Plans have been drawn and new buildings, under the direction of Mr. P. B. Williams, architect, are about to be erected at a cost of \$30,000. They will consist of two blocks, one 75 by 36 feet, for the accommodation of boarders and Master; the other, 60 by 47 feet—comprising class rooms, play rooms for the school, as well as parish rooms for the congregation of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The buildings will be the property of the parish, being vested in the Rector and Wardens. There will be accommodation for about twenty-five boarders, and fifty day pupils.

St. Luke's.—A social gathering for the purpose of making members of the congregation better acquainted with each other—an object which should commend itself to all congrega-

tions—was held Wednesday evening in the lecture hall, which was tastefully decorated. A programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, was very acceptably rendered by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses H. Shippell, A. Riddell, Webster, Emo, F. Ogden, Murray, Snaisdell, Smith and Sheppard, and Messrs. J. G. Snaisdell, Webster, Emo and Foster. Refreshments were served during the evening, giving an opportunity for conversation. Much credit is due to the Ladies' Aid Association for its management of this entertainment which proved so enjoyable to all present.

St. James The Apostle.—At the special Vestry meeting lately held to receive nomination of Rector's Warden in place of Mr. T. Montgomery resigned, Mr. Fenwick was appointed by the Rector. J. S. Hall, Esq., was elected People's Warden at the annual Easter meeting.

St. George's.—The funeral service of the late Hon. Thos. White took place at this church on Tuesday, the 24th inst., and was attended by an immense concourse of people, the large edifice being crowded to the doors. The service was very impressive, being semi-choral. Several hymns were appropriately introduced into the usual form; amongst them the Easter one, "Jesus lives! no longer now, Can thy terrors, death, appal us." The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean, Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Dr. Norton, and others of the clergy were present, the Bishop reading the Committal prayers.

The Cabinet Ministers and a large delegation from the House of Commons of Canada attended, having accompanied the body from Ottawa, where a short preliminary service was held. Universal sympathy is felt for the deeply bereaved family,—but they suffer not alone—to the country, to the Government, to the Church, the loss of one so able and faithful is extreme.

BOLTON.—The last adjourned Vestry meeting was held on Monday 30th, at East Bolton, and concluded the business of a successful year in this Mission. The incumbent's report shewed a large increase in the number of celebrations of the Holy Communion, as well as in the number of week day services. The attendance of communicants has been very satisfactory, and the number for the services were thought unusually good. The wardens' reports were with one exception, the senior wardens at East Bolton, quite complete, with no serious deficits to announce. All the delegates elected were local men of good standing, and at the election as throughout all the business of these vestries the most cordial unanimity prevailed.

The Lenten services were remarkably well attended during Holy Week; there were early celebrations daily at St. Patrick's Church, with services in the other churches later in the day. On Good Friday the services were Mattins with Dr. Redhead's "Story of the Cross," at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's, and a solemn Litany at the Church of the Atonement at 3 p.m. The state of the roads prevented the incumbent filling up the appointment at Trinity Church in the evening. A service partly musical, but unaccompanied by the organ, was held on Easter Eve, the altar remaining stripped as on Good Friday. Easter Day was ushered in with "Jesus Lives! no longer now," sung as an introit at the early celebration, which was fully choral. At St. Patrick's Church flowers decked the altar, and the celebrant wore for the first time a beautifully embroidered stole, presented to him that morning. The mid-day celebration occurred at Holy Trinity Church, afternoon service at East Bolton, and festival Evensong with chanted Psalms for the first time, at St. Patrick's, Bolton Centre. Loving, though unknown, hands had placed additional (living) flowers upon the super altar, before this service, which was taken part in most heartily by the large congregation present.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS FOR MAY.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has made the fol-